



**Balddivis**  
*Secondary College*

## **Autism Specialised Learning Program**

**Expression of Interest for  
Commencement 2023**



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*At Baldivis Secondary College our purpose as a community is to ensure that all students achieve personal success in their learning and become responsible and productive citizens.*

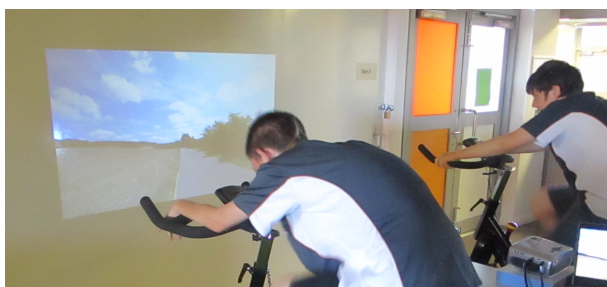
Baldivis Secondary College's Specialised Learning Program (SLP) for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) supports the individual needs of students and aims to provide a greater opportunity for engagement. The Year Seven to Year Twelve program provides education and support for the social and emotional development of students with ASD who have the potential to achieve academic success in mainstream schooling and beyond. Each student works towards achieving their goals in a caring and supportive environment which acknowledges their unique learning profile. The SLP is an evidence-based program reflective of current best practice research and is supported by the School of Special Education Needs. Students attend year group Life Classes that focus on developing skills around self-regulation and social skills while working closely with their SLP teacher. Student's

Health classes are also run by the SLP teachers to ensure that important topics can be explored and fully understood.

The Specialised Learning Program features specialised teacher and education assistant support, a homeroom for study and organisation support, a private courtyard for safe and quiet breaks, Toffee the disability support sensory dog, a sensory room, the cube as a safe and supervised space at recess and lunchtime, a specialised exercise and wellness program, as well as the gardening program. The Specialised Learning Program has a dedicated facility within the mainstream environment where staff are able to run individually tailored education programs for students who have gaps in their learning. This provides students with extra learning opportunities after which they return to their mainstream class.

## Selection

Students eligible for this program have demonstrated their ability to achieve grade levels necessary for success and integration into mainstream secondary school. They demonstrate the potential to access the academic opportunities to be successful in secondary school and beyond. These students may be at risk of underachieving or disengaging without this program due to barriers with communication and/or social skills limiting their full access to the wider curriculum.



An applicant will need to meet the following criteria:

- Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (reports from Paediatrician, Psychologist and Speech Pathologist) without an intellectual disability diagnosis
- Academically capable of understanding and coping with grade level content and tasks
- Manages behaviour independently or through the use of predetermined prompts and strategies
- Independently manages personal care requirements

## Selection Process and Timeline

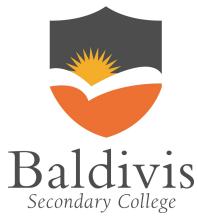
Parents who are expressing interest in the Specialised Learning Program for Autism at Baldivis Secondary College will need to follow the timeline below and attach the appropriate documents:

- Expression of Interest opens – 6 May 2022
- SLP staff observation of student in current school - from 20 June 2022
- Panel assessment finalised and parents notified in writing - 30 June 2022
- Orientation days in SLP in Term 4- To be advised

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## Autism Specialised Learning Program: Expression of Interest

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### Student details

Student First Name: .....

Student Surname: .....

Gender: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Parent / Carer Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... Email Address: .....

Current School: .....

Current Teacher: .....

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### Requirements

Please include the following in your application:

- Photocopy of your child's three most recent full school reports
  - Most recent NAPLAN report
  - Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (reports from relevant professionals)
  - Signed Permission to Release and Exchange Information Form (attached)
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### Parent / Carer agreement

If you agree with each statement tick each box, then sign below

I submit this form with the understanding my child:

- Is academically capable of understanding and coping with grade level content and tasks
- Can manage their behaviour independently or through the use of predetermined prompts and strategies
- Independently manages personal care requirements
- Will be provided with safe transport to and from the Specialised Learning Program

Name: ..... I Agree Date: .....

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### Additional information

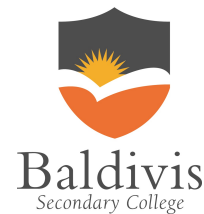
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Any additional information to support a student's application and success in the Specialist Learning Program – Autism should be submitted along with your application. Placements are determined at the discretion of a panel who will advise in writing at the earliest convenience the application outcome.

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## Permission to Release and Exchange Information



We would like to be able to contact your child's current school and any other agencies that have been assisting you and your child. We want to make sure that we make the transition to the Specialised Learning Program as smooth as possible for your child.

I ..... (Parent/Carer name) give permission for the agencies or people listed below to release and exchange information pertaining to my child.

Name of student: ..... Date of Birth: .....

### College Staff

Name of Agency or School	Contact Person (if known)
Baldivis S.C. - SLP Program Coordinator	Simon Purcell
Baldivis S.C. - Curriculum Support Manager	Amy Stewart
Baldivis S.C. - SLP Year 7 Teacher and Case Manager	Kay Longden
Baldivis S.C. - School Psychologist	Vanessa Birkinshaw
Baldivis S.C. - School Psychologist	Jessica Mackenzie

**This Permission Form will remain valid for a period of 12 months**

I have read the above and I understand why the information pertaining to my child will be exchanged and shared. Information obtained will be kept in strictest confidence. I will notify the SLP Coordinator at Baldivis Secondary College should I wish for this agreement to cease.

I understand this form as well as the process and I agree to the exchange and sharing of information for the student listed above:

Name: ..... I Agree .....

Relationship to child: ..... Date: .....

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